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Dearest Mother &Daddy:

Well, today I got some mail for a change, about 10 letters, and a couple of boxes from you and Lipson. Sure was glad to get the olives, and it sure was packed nice in the cotton. But you still don't date the packages like I asked you to, so that I can see how long it is taking them to get here. You say you asked Macine to get me a fountain pen in Birmingham; did you tell her to get me a very fine point? That is the only kind I can use. Does Bert's leave start after he gets trhough with the hospital; or did it start when he arrived in Tuscaloosa? Huh? Sure was nice ofGene to give the party for Bert. It is just like a duck supper, and you bring the duck?! Right?

We moved to another day before yesterday, and have been very busy cleaning up the area. It is looking very good now. We have been in all kind of areas and orchards, but this is the first time we ever bivouacked in a rubber plantation. Right?

I got the first of the issues of Reader's Digest today, and it was March, believe it or not. Sure was glad to get it. The war news in Germany is sounding wonderful today, with Hitler and Goebels reportedly dead, and rumors of a peace armistice. Right?

Got a nice letter from Charlotte today, and will answer it right away. She sure does right like a grown up lady, instead of a little girl. Right? Lottie have you sent my camera and films to me? If not, why not? I left it on my table in the room, and know the camera must still be there! Bert can probably get some film for it out at the PX, if you can't get me another smaller camera. Right? I certainly was sorry to hear about the death of Mr. Schweitzer, and shall write the family a letter of condolence immediately. When does Bert go toMiami? After his leave, or during it? I got the clipping and picture about the Talantis boy, and was wondering what kind of stories he is telling about his injuries! Huh? Yes, my pipe was in that box with all of that junk you mentioned. Please send it on to the factory immediately. Did James Kissiah ever come by and tell you he had seen me in Biak? I was just wondering. I can't imagine who the boy is that came in to see you that saw me after I came back from seeing Bert. What is his name? That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,
Howard